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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAHIRO IWADATE )  
Appln. No.: 09/479,214 )  
Filed: January 7, 2000 )  
For: IMAGE OUTPUT APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD OF )  
CONTROLLING SAME )  
Examiner: Justin B. Foster  
Group Art Unit: 2624  
December 30, 2003

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. The title amendment is shown at page 2, the claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 3, and the Remarks begin at page 7.

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